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The State estimate for July 1, 1978, presented in this report was derived utilizing a regression technique. In developing a State control total, data was regressed on six variables over a seventeen year period. The variables regressed were total State population, births, deaths, auto registrations, school enrollments, and individual tax returns with population as the dependent (predicted) variable.

The correlations of the variables used in the analysis are presented below:

CORRELATION COEFFICIENTS

	Population
Population	1.000
Tax	.997
Autos	.995
Births	–.867
Deaths	.898
School	–.350

The prediction equation compared very well with the 1960 and 1970 Censuses. The percent residual was .70 in 1960 and .48 in 1970. The resulting regression coefficients for 1978 are in the following prediction equation:

STATE POP 1978 = 3721190 — 1.40431 Births — 8.80945 Deaths + .08506 School

+ .74663 Tax Returns + .08506 Auto Registrations

MULTIPLE CORRELATION COEFFICIENT = .9982

When 1978 totals for the variables were entered into the above equation, a State population of 5,153,000 was estimated. The individual county estimates were subsequently adjusted to yield this total.

After computing the State total for 1978 the Counties in the State were stratified into two groups. Those counties with populations of 40,000 and over according to the 1970 Census were placed in Group I while those under 40,000 in population were placed in Group II.

The regression technique was utilized to estimate the population of each county in Group I. This technique was used because the regression method works extremely well in counties with a relatively large population base. In tests against the 1970 Census, the regression technique used in counties 40,000 and over, resulted in a smaller average error. As in the State total estimate, births, deaths, auto registrations, and school enrollment for the period 1960-1977 were entered into the regression equation developed for each county. Tax returns were not used because of the time lag

in tabulating returns by county. The data for 1970-1977 was weighted more heavily to emphasize the more recent demographic trends of a county. Very importantly, each county developed its own regression equation. Therefore, each county's data determined its population based on its historical relationships between population and the variables regressed.

A ratio technique was utilized in estimating the population of counties in Group II. This was utilized since the ratio method works extremely well in counties with a relatively small population base. Statistically, it is expressed by the following equations:

$$PR_i^{70} = POP_i^{70} / POP^{70}$$

$$BR_i^{70} = BIR_i \frac{68\text{-}70}{3} / BIR \frac{68\text{-}70}{3}$$

$$BR_i^{78} = BIR_i \frac{76\text{-}78}{3} / BIR \frac{76\text{-}78}{3}$$

$$DR_i^{70} = DEA_i \frac{68\text{-}70}{3} / DEA \frac{68\text{-}70}{3}$$

$$DR_i^{78} = DEA_i \frac{76\text{-}78}{3} / DEA \frac{76\text{-}78}{3}$$

$$AR_i^{70} = AUTO_i^{70} / AUTO^{70}$$

$$AR_i^{78} = AUTO_i^{78} / AUTO^{78}$$

$$SR_i^{70} = SCHOOL_i^{70} / SCHOOL^{70}$$

$$SR_i^{78} = SCHOOL_i^{78} / SCHOOL^{78}$$

BR_i^{70} – Birth Ratio 1970

BR_i^{78} – Birth Ratio 1978

DR_i^{78} – Death Ratio 1978

AR_i^{78} – Auto Ratio 1978

SR_i^{78} – School Ratio 1978

PR_i^{70} – Population Ratio

i – Indicates county, otherwise State

Births and deaths were averaged using three years of data.

$$FBR_i^{78} = (PR_i^{70} \times BR_i^{78}) / BR_i^{70}$$

$$FDR_i^{78} = (PR_i^{70} \times DR_i^{78}) / DR_i^{70}$$

$$FAR_i^{78} = (PR_i^{70} \times AR_i^{78}) / AR_i^{70}$$

$$FSR_i^{78} = (SR_i^{70} \times SR_i^{78}) / SR_i^{70}$$

FBR_i^{78} – Final Birth Ratio for 1978 (County)
FDR_i^{78} – Final Death Ratio for 1978 (County)
FAR_i^{78} – Final Auto Ratio for 1978 (County)
FSR_i^{78} – Final School Ratio for 1978 (County)

The next step was to calculate a final ratio for the 1978 county estimates.

$$FPR_i^{78} = (FBR_i^{78} + FDR_i^{78} + FAR_i^{78} + FSR_i^{78}) / 4$$

FPR_i^{78} – Final Population Ratio for 1978 (County)

Equal weight was assigned to births, deaths, auto registrations, and school enrollment. The preliminary 1978 county estimates for Group II counties was calculated as follows:

$$PPOP_i^{78} = FPR_i^{78} \times (SCP - SGIP)$$

$PPOP_i^{78}$ – Preliminary Population (County)

FPR_i^{78} – Final Population Ratio (County)

SCP – State Control Total Population

SGIP – State Group I Population

The Group I and Group II preliminary population is then adjusted for institutional population and rounded to the nearest hundred to produce the final estimate of 1978 county population.

POPULATION ESTIMATES

AREA	NUMBER OF INHABITANTS					
	1970	RANK	1978	RANK	% CHANGE 1970-78	RANK
APPLING	12726	80	13900	78	9.23	77
ATKINSON	5897	140	5700	144	-3.04	144
BACON	8233	112	9700	106	17.82	42
BAKER	3875	150	4200	151	8.39	82
BALDWIN	34240	23	36400	27	6.31	93
BANKS	6833	127	8100	123	18.54	36
BARROW	16859	64	19000	59	12.70	57
BARTOW	32911	25	37400	25	13.64	55
BEN HILL	13171	76	14900	77	13.13	56
BERRIEN	11556	85	12900	83	11.63	67
BIBB	143366	7	145000	8	1.14	128
BLECKLEY	10291	95	10700	98	3.97	105
BRANTLEY	5940	138	8400	119	41.41	7
BROOKS	13743	72	13900	78	1.14	128
BRYAN	6539	132	7900	124	20.81	29
BULLOCH	31585	29	34200	30	8.28	83
BURKE	18255	53	18400	63	.79	132
BUTTS	10560	93	12600	85	19.32	35
CALHOUN	6606	131	6400	138	-3.12	145
CAMDEN	11334	90	10700	98	-5.59	150
CANDLER	6412	135	6400	138	-.19	136
CARROLL	45404	19	56800	17	25.10	21
CATOOSA	28271	33	34900	28	23.45	23
CHARLTON	5680	143	6500	136	14.44	52
CHATHAM	187816	4	192100	4	2.28	120
CHATTAHOOCHEE	25813	37	12400	87	-51.96	159
CHATTOOGA	20541	47	21300	51	3.70	107
CHEROKEE	31059	30	43200	23	39.09	9
CLARKE	65177	12	76900	13	17.99	41
CLAY	3636	153	3700	153	1.76	124
CLAYTON	98126	8	132100	9	34.62	13
CLINCH	6405	136	6500	136	1.48	125
COBB	196793	3	271400	3	37.91	10
COFFEE	22828	42	23800	44	4.26	103
COLQUITT	32298	28	33400	32	3.41	110
COLUMBIA	22327	43	32200	34	44.22	6
COOK	12129	84	11400	91	-6.01	151
COWETA	32310	27	37600	24	16.37	44
CRAWFORD	5748	142	6800	132	18.30	39

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AREA	NUMBER OF INHABITANTS					
	1970	RANK	1978	RANK	% CHANGE 1970-78	RANK
CRISP	18087	55	19400	56	7.26	89
DADE	9910	98	11500	90	16.04	45
DAWSON	3639	152	5100	149	40.15	8
DECATUR	22310	44	23100	45	3.54	108
DEKALB	415387	2	479000	2	15.31	49
DODGE	15658	69	15800	75	.91	130
DOOLY	10404	94	11200	95	7.65	85
DOUGHERTY	89639	9	100100	10	11.67	64
DOUGLAS	28659	32	45900	20	60.16	4
EARLY	12682	81	12700	84	.14	133
ECHOLS	1924	159	1900	158	-1.25	141
EFFINGHAM	13632	73	17200	67	26.17	19
ELBERT	17262	61	17100	68	-.94	140
EMANUEL	18357	52	19500	55	6.23	95
EVANS	7290	123	8500	116	16.60	43
FANNIN	13357	75	15000	76	12.30	59
FAYETTE	11364	89	20300	54	78.63	3
FLOYD	73742	10	79100	12	7.27	88
FORSYTH	16928	63	23100	45	36.46	12
FRANKLIN	12784	79	13500	81	5.60	99
FULTON	605210	1	581000	1	-4.00	147
GILMER	8956	105	11300	93	26.17	19
GLASCOCK	2280	157	2500	155	9.65	75
GLYNN	50528	18	52700	18	4.30	102
GORDON	23570	39	27900	41	18.37	37
GRADY	17826	57	19100	58	7.15	90
GREENE	10212	96	10600	100	3.80	106
GWINNETT	72349	11	145500	7	101.11	1
HABERSHAM	20691	46	23100	45	11.64	66
HALL	59405	14	68800	15	15.82	46
HANCOCK	9019	104	9300	110	3.12	114
HARALSON	15927	67	17900	64	12.39	58
HARRIS	11520	86	13300	82	15.45	47
HART	15814	68	16100	73	1.81	123
HEARD	5354	145	6000	142	12.07	62
HENRY	23724	38	29300	38	23.50	22
HOUSTON	62924	13	81800	11	30.00	15
IRWIN	8036	115	8500	116	5.77	97

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AREA	NUMBER OF INHABITANTS					
	1970	RANK	1978	RANK	% CHANGE 1970-78	RANK
JACKSON	21093	45	23000	48	9.04	79
JASPER	5760	141	7000	131	21.53	26
JEFF DAVIS	9425	101	11400	91	20.95	28
JEFFERSON	17174	62	16400	70	-4.51	148
JENKINS	8332	110	8400	119	.82	131
JOHNSON	7727	119	7700	125	-.35	138
JONES	12270	83	16200	72	32.03	14
LAMAR	10688	92	11300	93	5.73	98
LANIER	5031	147	5500	146	9.32	76
LAURENS	32738	26	34100	31	4.16	104
LEE	7044	125	9100	112	29.19	17
LIBERTY	17569	58	33200	33	88.97	2
LINCOLN	5895	139	6400	138	8.57	81
LONG	3746	151	3800	152	1.44	126
LOWNDES	55112	15	70000	14	27.01	18
LUMPKIN	8728	108	9600	107	9.99	73
MACON	12933	78	12500	86	-3.35	146
MADISON	13517	74	16000	74	18.37	37
MARION	5099	146	5000	150	-1.94	142
MCDUFFIE	15276	70	17500	66	14.56	50
MCINTOSH	7371	121	7600	128	3.11	115
MERIWETHER	19461	49	20800	53	6.88	91
MILLER	6424	134	6600	134	2.74	118
MITCHELL	18956	51	18900	60	-.30	137
MONROE	10991	91	12200	88	11.00	70
MONTGOMERY	6099	137	6700	133	9.85	74
MORGAN	9904	99	9900	105	-.04	135
MURRAY	12986	77	17800	65	37.07	11
MUSCOGEE	167377	5	177300	5	5.93	96
NEWTON	26282	36	31700	35	20.61	30
OCONEE	7915	116	9600	107	21.29	27
OGLETHORPE	7598	120	8700	114	14.50	51
PAULDING	17520	59	22700	49	29.57	16
PEACH	15990	66	18900	60	18.20	40
PICKENS	9620	100	10800	97	12.27	60
PIERCE	9281	103	11100	96	19.60	33
PIKE	7316	122	8200	121	12.08	61
POLK	29656	31	30700	37	3.52	109

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AREA	NUMBER OF INHABITANTS					
	1970	RANK	1978	RANK	% CHANGE 1970-78	RANK
PULASKI	8066	114	7500	129	-7.02	153
PUTNAM	8394	109	10100	103	20.32	32
QUITMAN	2180	158	1900	158	-12.84	157
RABUN	8327	111	8700	114	4.48	100
RANDOLPH	8734	107	9300	110	6.48	92
RICHMOND	162437	6	167000	6	2.81	117
ROCKDALE	18152	54	28900	39	59.21	5
SCHLEY	3097	154	2800	154	-9.59	155
SCREVEN	12591	82	13700	80	8.81	80
SEMINOLE	7059	124	7700	125	9.08	78
SPALDING	39514	21	43900	22	11.10	68
STEPHENS	20331	48	22700	49	11.65	65
STEWART	6511	133	5600	145	-13.99	158
SUMTER	26931	35	27300	42	1.37	127
TALBOT	6625	130	6600	134	-.38	139
TALIAFERRO	2423	155	2500	155	3.18	113
TATTNALL	16557	65	18500	62	11.74	63
TAYLOR	7865	117	7100	130	-9.73	156
TELFAIR	11394	88	11900	89	4.44	101
TERRELL	11416	87	10500	101	-8.02	154
THOMAS	34562	22	37300	26	7.92	84
TIFT	27288	34	31100	36	13.97	53
TOOMBS	19151	50	21100	52	10.18	71
TOWNS	4565	149	5200	148	13.91	54
TREUTLEN	5647	144	6000	142	6.25	94
TROUP	44466	20	45600	21	2.55	119
TURNER	8790	106	8800	113	.11	134
TWIGGS	8222	113	8500	116	3.38	111
UNION	6811	128	8200	121	20.39	31
UPSON	23505	40	24300	43	3.38	111
WALKER	50691	17	51800	19	2.19	121
WALTON	23404	41	28600	40	22.20	25
WARE	33525	24	34500	29	2.91	116
WARREN	6669	129	6300	141	-5.53	149
WASHINGTON	17480	60	17100	68	-2.17	143
WAYNE	17858	56	19200	57	7.51	87
WEBSTER	2362	156	2200	157	-6.86	152
WHEELER	4596	148	5300	147	15.32	48
WHITE	7742	118	9500	109	22.71	24

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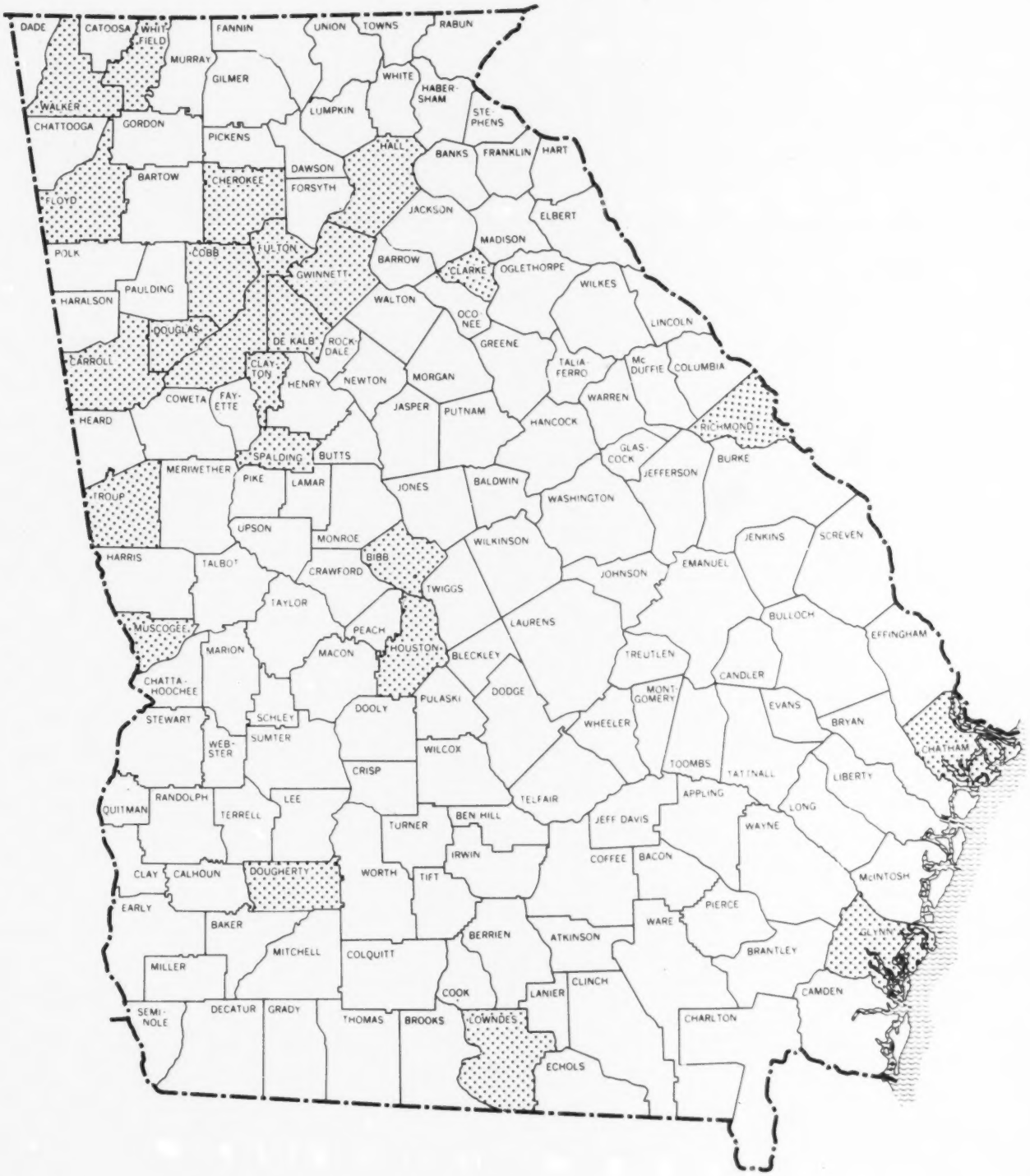
AREA	NUMBER OF INHABITANTS					
	1970	RANK	1978	RANK	% CHANGE 1970-78	RANK
WHITFIELD	55108	16	65800	16	19.40	34
WILCOX	6998	126	7700	125	10.03	72
WILKES	10184	97	10400	102	2.12	122
WILKINSON	9393	102	10100	103	7.53	86
WORTH	14770	71	16400	70	11.04	69
GEORGIA	4587930		5153000		12.32	

COUNTIES WITH A POPULATION OF 40,000 OR MORE PERSONS IN 1978



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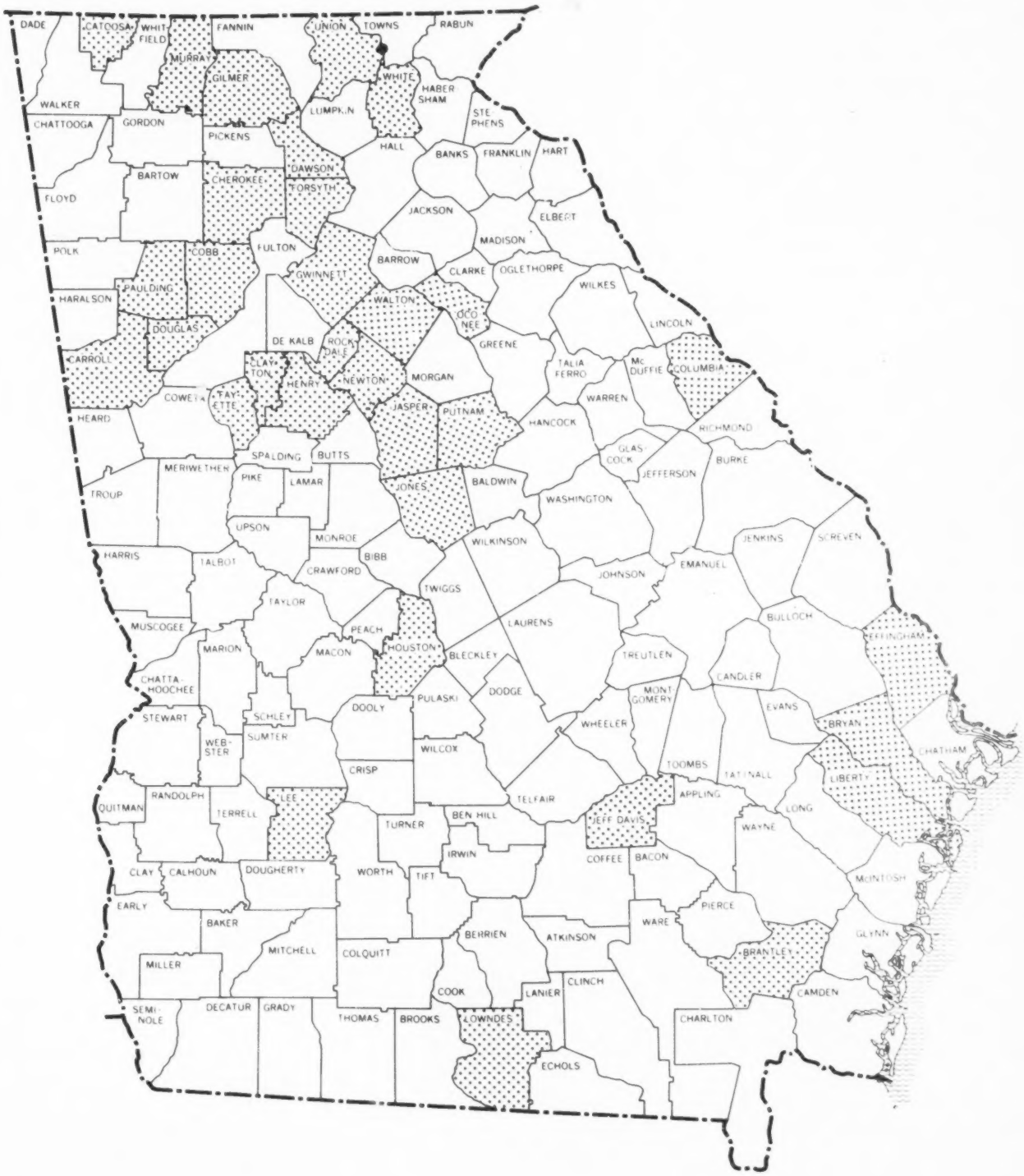

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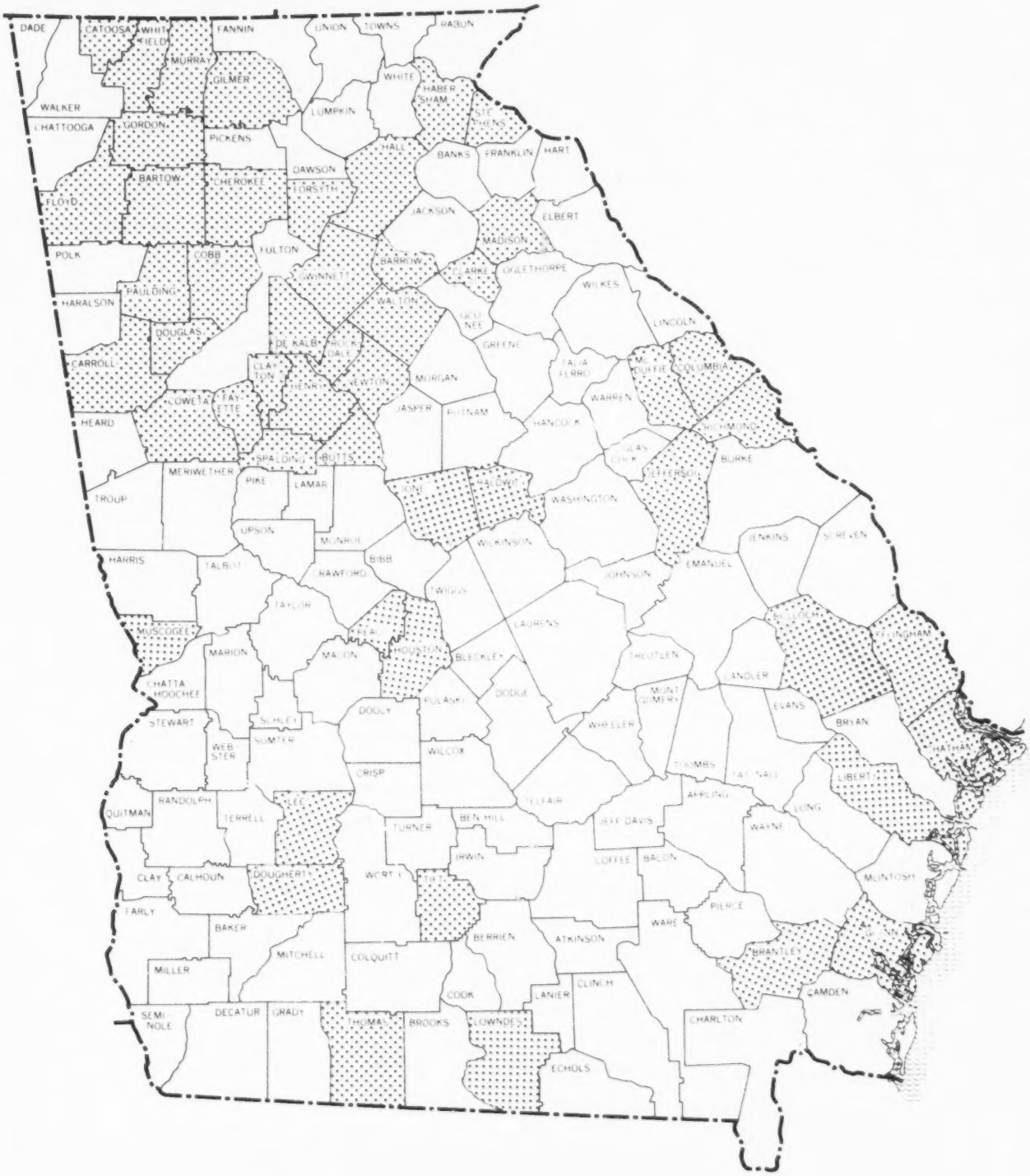

AREA PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS

POPULATION ESTIMATES OF AREA PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS AND THEIR COMPONENT COUNTIES

AREA	NUMBER OF INHABITANTS		
	1970	1978	% CHANGE 1970-78
GEORGIA	4587930	5153000	12.32
ALTAMAHA GEORGIA SOUTHERN	121004	133200	10.08
APPLING	12726	13900	9.23
BULLOCH	31585	34200	8.28
CANDLER	6412	6400	-.19
EVANS	7290	8500	16.60
JEFF DAVIS	9425	11400	20.95
TATTNALL	16557	18500	11.74
TOOMBS	19151	21100	10.18
WAYNE	17858	19200	7.51
ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION	1434676	1683800	17.36
CLAYTON	98126	132100	34.62
COBB	196793	271400	37.91
DEKALB	415387	479000	15.31
DOUGLAS	28659	45900	60.16
FULTON	605210	581000	-4.00
GWINNETT	72349	145500	101.11
ROCKDALE	18152	28900	59.21
CENTRAL SAVANNAH RIVER	302200	321200	6.29
BURKE	18255	18400	.79
COLUMBIA	22327	32200	44.22
EMANUEL	18357	19500	6.23
GLASCOCK	2280	2500	9.65
JEFFERSON	17174	16400	-4.51
JENKINS	8332	8400	.82
LINCOLN	5895	6400	8.57
MCDUFFIE	15276	17500	14.56
RICHMOND	162437	167000	2.81

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AREA	NUMBER OF INHABITANTS		
	1970	1978	% CHANGE 1970-78
SCREVEN	12591	13700	8.81
TALIAFERRO	2423	2500	3.18
WARREN	6669	6300	-5.53
WILKES	10184	10400	2.12
CHATTAHOOCHEE FLINT	146995	166800	13.47
CARROLL	45404	56800	25.10
COWETA	32310	37600	16.37
HEARD	5354	6000	12.07
MERIWETHER	19461	20800	6.88
TROUP	44466	45600	2.55
COASTAL	298535	325200	8.93
BRYAN	6539	7900	20.81
CAMDEN	11334	10700	-5.59
CHATHAM	187816	192100	2.28
EFFINGHAM	13632	17200	26.17
GLYNN	50528	52700	4.30
LIBERTY	17569	33200	88.97
LONG	3746	3800	1.44
MCINTOSH	7371	7600	3.11
COOSA VALLEY	302739	335200	10.72
BARTOW	32911	37400	13.64
CATOOSA	28271	34900	23.45
CHATTOOGA	20541	21300	3.70
DADE	9910	11500	16.04
FLOYD	73742	79100	7.27
GORDON	23570	27900	18.37
HARALSON	15927	17900	12.39
PAULDING	17520	22700	29.57
POLK	29656	30700	3.52
WALKER	50691	51800	2.19

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AREA	NUMBER OF INHABITANTS		
	1970	1978	% CHANGE 1970-78
GEORGIA MOUNTAINS	192598	221700	15.11
BANKS	6833	8100	18.54
DAWSON	3639	5100	40.15
FORSYTH	16928	23100	36.46
FRANKLIN	12784	13500	5.60
HABERSHAM	20691	23100	11.64
HALL	59405	68800	15.82
HART	15814	16100	1.81
LUMPKIN	8728	9600	9.99
RABUN	8327	8700	4.48
STEPHENS	20331	22700	11.65
TOWNS	4565	5200	13.91
UNION	6811	8200	20.39
WHITE	7742	9500	22.71
HEART OF GEORGIA	101487	105700	4.15
BLECKLEY	10291	10700	3.97
DODGE	15658	15800	.91
LAURENS	32738	34100	4.16
MONTGOMERY	6099	6700	9.85
PULASKI	8066	7500	-7.02
TELFAIR	11394	11900	4.44
TREUTLEN	5647	6000	6.25
WHEELER	4596	5300	15.32
WILCOX	6998	7700	10.03
LOWER CHATTAHOOCHEE	232396	230100	-.99
CHATTAHOOCHEE	25813	12400	-51.96
CLAY	3636	3700	1.76
HARRIS	11520	13300	15.45
MUSCOGEE	167377	177300	5.93
QUITMAN	2180	1900	-12.84

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AREA	NUMBER OF INHABITANTS		
	1970	1978	% CHANGE 1970-78
RANDOLPH	8734	9300	6.48
STEWART	6511	5600	-13.99
TALBOT	6625	6600	-.38
MCINTOSH TRAIL	152953	181600	18.73
BUTTS	10560	12600	19.32
FAYETTE	11364	20300	78.63
HENRY	23724	29300	23.50
LAMAR	10688	11300	5.73
NEWTON	26282	31700	20.61
PIKE	7316	8200	12.08
SPALDING	39514	43900	11.10
UPSON	23505	24300	3.38
MIDDLE FLINT	86778	87500	.83
CRISP	18087	19400	7.26
DOOLY	10404	11200	7.65
MACON	12933	12500	-3.35
MARION	5099	5000	-1.94
SCHLEY	3097	2800	-9.59
SUMTER	26931	27300	1.37
TAYLOR	7865	7100	-9.73
WEBSTER	2362	2200	-6.86
MIDDLE GEORGIA	259511	289400	11.52
BIBB	143366	145000	1.14
CRAWFORD	5748	6800	18.30
HOUSTON	62924	81800	30.00
JONES	12270	16200	32.03
MONROE	10991	12200	11.00
PEACH	15990	18900	18.20
TWIGGS	8222	8500	3.38

POPULATION ESTIMATES OF AREA PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONS AND THEIR COMPONENT COUNTIES

AREA	NUMBER OF INHABITANTS		
	1970	1978	% CHANGE 1970-78
NORTH GEORGIA	131086	163900	25.03
CHEROKEE	31059	43200	39.09
FANNIN	13357	15000	12.30
GILMER	8956	11300	26.17
MURRAY	12986	17800	37.07
PICKENS	9620	10800	12.27
WHITFIELD	55108	65800	19.40
NORTHEAST GEORGIA	192941	219400	13.71
BARROW	16859	19000	12.70
CLARKE	65177	76900	17.99
ELBERT	17262	17100	-.94
GREENE	10212	10600	3.80
JACKSON	21093	23000	9.04
MADISON	13517	16000	18.37
MORGAN	9904	9900	-.04
OCONEE	7915	9600	21.29
OGLETHORPE	7598	8700	14.50
WALTON	23404	28600	22.20
OCONEE	92013	97700	6.18
BALDWIN	34240	36400	6.31
HANCOCK	9019	9300	3.12
JASPER	5760	7000	21.53
JOHNSON	7727	7700	-.35
PUTNAM	8394	10100	20.32
WASHINGTON	17480	17100	-2.17
WILKINSON	9393	10100	7.53

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AREA	NUMBER OF INHABITANTS		
	1970	1978	% CHANGE 1970-78
SOUTH GEORGIA	156780	178900	14.11
BEN HILL	13171	14900	13.13
BERRIEN	11556	12900	11.63
BROOKS	13743	13900	1.14
COOK	12129	11400	-6.01
ECHOLS	1924	1900	-1.25
IRWIN	8036	8500	5.77
LANIER	5031	5500	9.32
LOWNDES	55112	70000	27.01
TIFT	27288	31100	13.97
TURNER	8790	8800	.11
SOUTHEAST GEORGIA	97771	106200	8.62
ATKINSON	5879	5700	-3.04
BACON	8233	9700	17.82
BRANTLEY	5940	8400	41.41
CHARLTON	5680	6500	14.44
CLINCH	6405	6500	1.48
COFFEE	22828	23800	4.26
PIERCE	9281	11100	19.60
WARE	33525	34500	2.91
SOUTHWEST GEORGIA	285467	305500	7.02
BAKER	3875	4200	8.39
CALHOUN	6606	6400	-3.12
COLQUITT	32298	33400	3.41
DECATUR	22310	23100	3.54
DOUGHERTY	89639	100100	11.67
EARLY	12682	12700	.14
GRADY	17826	19100	7.15
LEE	7044	9100	29.19
MILLER	6424	6600	2.74

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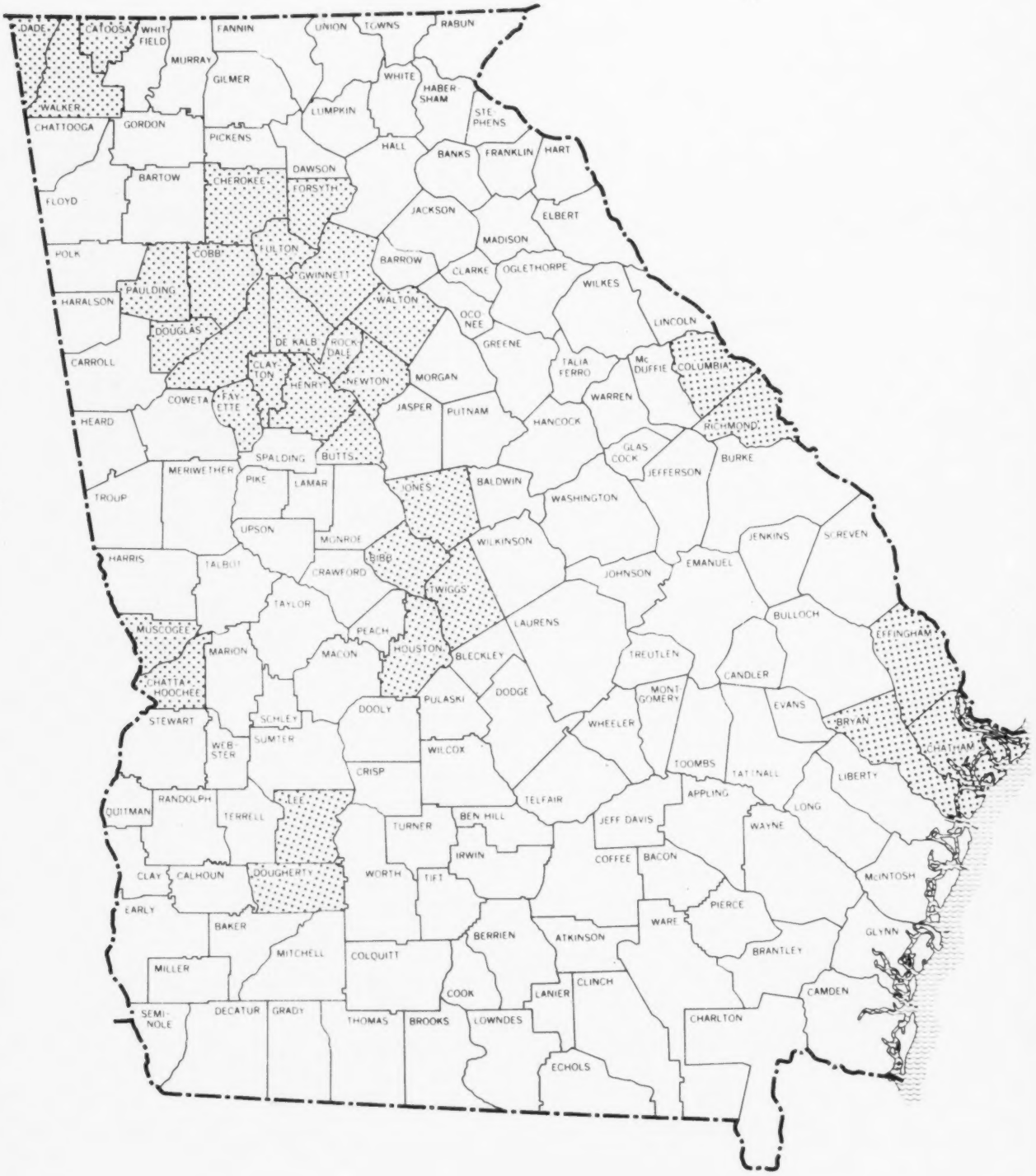
AREA	NUMBER OF INHABITANTS		
	1970	1978	% CHANGE 1970-78
MITCHELL	18956	18900	-.30
SEMINOLE	7059	7700	9.08
TERRELL	11416	10500	-8.02
THOMAS	34562	37300	7.92
WORTH	14770	16400	11.04

STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS



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AREA	NUMBER OF INHABITANTS		
	1970	1978	% CHANGE 1970-78
GEORGIA	4587930	5153000	12.32
ALBANY	96683	109200	12.95
DOUGHERTY	89639	100100	11.67
LEE	7044	9100	29.19
ATLANTA	1595517	1895300	18.79
BUTTS	10560	12600	19.32
CHEROKEE	31059	43200	39.09
CLAYTON	98126	132100	34.62
COBB	196793	271400	37.91
DEKALB	415387	479000	15.31
DOUGLAS	28659	45900	60.16
FAYETTE	11364	20300	78.63
FORSYTH	16928	23100	36.46
FULTON	605210	581000	-4.00
GWINNETT	72349	145500	101.11
HENRY	23724	29300	23.50
NEWTON	26282	31700	20.61
PAULDING	17520	22700	29.57
ROCKDALE	18152	28900	59.21
WALTON	23404	28600	22.20
AUGUSTA	184764	199200	7.81
COLUMBIA	22327	32200	44.22
RICHMOND	162437	167000	2.81
CHATTANOOGA	88872	98200	10.50
CATOOSA	28271	34900	23.45
DADE	9910	11500	16.04
WALKER	50691	51800	2.19

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AREA	NUMBER OF INHABITANTS		
	1970	1978	% CHANGE 1970-78
COLUMBUS	193190	189700	-1.81
CHATTAHOOCHEE	25813	12400	-51.96
MUSCOGEE	167377	177300	5.93
MACON	226782	251500	10.90
BIBB	143366	145000	1.14
HOUSTON	62924	81800	30.00
JONES	12270	16200	32.03
TWIGGS	8222	8500	3.38
SAVANNAH	207987	217200	4.43
BRYAN	6539	7900	20.81
CHATHAM	187816	192100	2.28
EFFINGHAM	13632	17200	26.17